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Afognak Island Elk Registration Hunt Opens

Elk hunting on most of Afognak Island opened on Saturday, October 23, 2004 for hunters who pick up a registration permit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Kodiak, Shuyak, and Ban Islands are also included in this opening. The registration hunt is scheduled to remain open until the end of November, but can be closed early if harvest targets are reached. The Tonki Peninsula portion of Afognak Island and Raspberry Island are not included in this registration hunt and will be closed to elk hunting. Detailed maps are available at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

The registration hunt was slated to include all of Afognak Island, but ADF&G has issued an Emergency Order to close hunting on the Tonki Peninsula on Friday, October 29, 2004. The herd in that area is still rebuilding after being closed to hunting for 12 years. ADF&G biologists estimate there are 30 elk in the Tonki herd, and hunters have reported harvesting 3 elk from that area so far this year.